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ON THE RECORD

Self-professed Luddite Judy Waters from Churchill Livingstone concluded Wednesday with sound advice on *Choosing a Publisher*. Judy continued her entertaining presentation on Thursday morning with a description of *The Anatomy of the Textbook*. The trend towards more specific information continued with further input by Shirley Russell on the *Attributes of a Good Journal Article*. Her emphasis on clarity of thought and conciseness of expression was to be echoed in Editorial Consultant Ray Bailey's subsequent session on the *Craft of Writing*.

Rules of grammar and paragraph construction were seemingly lost on the final speaker. Using passages from her novel *Lines of Flight* to illustrate the *Place of Personal Experience in Writing*, Marion Campbell concluded the second day by providing a refreshing option to the style of expression advocated by previous speakers.

Friday's session was devoted to informal discussion and consultation on an individual and small group basis. It was a useful session in terms of clarifying ideas for the newly enthusiastic writers. At the concluding discussion three decisions were taken to ensure that the momentum generated by the workshop was sustained. These resolutions were to: establish a Writing Support Network within the School; submit to Dr Liveris a list of items published by staff during 1986-87 and a proposal for the establishment of a Divisional Writing Resource person.

In formally evaluating the Workshop all participants rated its value highly.

Helping to set the Standard

RECENTLY David White, President of the South Australian Branch of the Australian Society of Critical Care Nurses, and fellow RANF member Jeanette Budak, attended a meeting of the Standards Association of Australia as official representatives. The matter before the committee was 'Dry infusion drugs and controllers'. This report is from David White.

The primary purpose of the meeting held in Melbourne was to determine whether or not there was a need for an

Australian Standard. Pre-committee papers clearly indicated that there was some disagreement as to the need for a standard. However, in the first session it was apparent that a significant majority of those present favoured a standard including all the nursing and medical representatives. The meeting then discussed what the standard would contain.

The approach taken by the committee was to discuss the proposed International Standard (Draft) and to prepare comments for the next international standards meeting in Paris. The Committee agreed to use this draft as a basis for the Australian Standard and the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing detail including:

- (a) the scope of the standard;
- (b) the responsibility of the user and the supplier;

- (c) the performance of the equipment;
- (d) alarm systems;
- (e) apparatus testing;
- (f) accuracy;
- (g) safety features;
- (h) information to be included in the technical and/or user manual.

The initial draft for the Australian Standard will now be prepared after feedback regarding work various members of the committee are doing. The draft will be discussed at the next meeting in November in Sydney.

The Committee considered and took note of a number of nursing issues raised including problems with alarms, inadequate instructions, poor clamps for fitting to 'drip standards', responsibility of user education, tampering by patients or children, special difficulties with some administration sets and problems with 'purge' switches.

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